

ONE ZEP CREW OF 22 BURNED; OTHER CAPTIVE

Both Giant Airships Lie Wrecked in an English Village

BRITISH CASUALTIES
30 DEAD; 110 INJURED

Personnel of Second Craft Arrested on Dark Road by Village Constable:

DON IS JUBILANT OVER NIGHT BATTLE

Aircraft Brought Down Are of a New and Larger Type

London, Sept. 24.—Of the twelve Zeppelins which invaded the British Isles last night two to-day lay blackened masses of steel and aluminum in the little village of Mangold, Essex county, victims of the anti-aircraft defences of

London and outlying districts.

The airships were of a new and larger type than heretofore known.

One came down a flaming torch, as did the Zeppelin L-21, destroyed in the raid three weeks ago, while the second, disabled by gunfire, effected a landing which saved the lives of the crew of twenty-two men, who to-day are prisoners in England.

The crew of the first raider died in the flames of their own ship, which was consumed much more quickly than was the L-21. It is possible though that some of the men were still living when the great vessel struck the ground. The captain's body was found some distance from the wreck.

Many See the Zep Abnaze.

The burning of the first Zeppelin was seen by tens of thousands of London's residents, but the crippling and descent of the second raider was a matter of doubt until today's official state-

Many who saw the shrapnel bursting like skyrocket about the invader, which subsequently caught fire, think there must have been several direct hits. Many aeroplanes were aloft and attacked the Zeppelins from all sides.

The raiders took a heavy toll of lives before their destruction, 20 persons being killed and 110 wounded.

Outside of the London district two persons were killed and eleven injured in an East Midland town.

The casualties in the metropolitan area, in the southern and southeasterly sections of London, according to an official compilation are as follows:

Killed—Men 17, women 8, children 2, total 28.

The property damage, while widely distributed, is confined for the most part to small suburban dwellings.

The roar of dropping bombs was heard in many districts where the raiders were invisible. It is not believed that more than two or three invading Zeppelins

which crossed the east coast succeeded in reaching the environs of London, and that two of these paid the death penalty give the greatest satisfaction to the military authorities.

Apart from the loss in material, the casualties of the past two raids. It is believed, will have a depressing effect on the morale of the Zeppelin crews in the

Captured by Village Constable.
The commander and twenty members of the crew of the Zeppelin, which was forced to land near an Essex coast town, were arrested by the village constable as they were marching along the road in the blackness of the night.

"I am the commander of a German aircraft that has just come down, and these are my crew," said the leader of the men when accosted by the constable. Then the officer added:

"Please allow me to go to the nearest post office so that I may telephone someone in London who will let my wife know I am safe."

The constable replied that the commander was perfectly safe. At this juncture special constables came up and the prisoners were marched to the nearest detention camp, where it was found several of them were wounded. All the men were dark blue uniforms and life saving waistcoats. None of them bore arms.

noise of the motors overhead and he saw a Zeppelin flying seaward, 300 feet up. Then, as if the commander of the airship feared trouble on the water, he turned back inland and in a few minutes the airship floated like a giant feather, landing in a farmer's orchard less than thirty feet from the farmer's cottage. Two loud explosions followed, and the

Air Defences Efficient.

Londoners were jubilant to-day, but there was not the same exultant enthusiasm as three weeks ago, indicating that the destruction of giant sky raiders is a ready taken as an ordinary incident in this unusual world war.

with which the defences have been de